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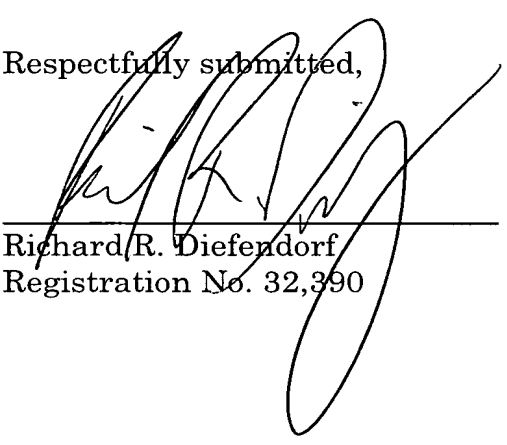
Claims 7-16, 28, and 29 remain in this application, while claims 1-6, 17-27, and 30-32 are now canceled. Entry of this amendment and reconsideration of the application are requested.

Claims 7, 14, and 16 are rewritten in independent form so as to include the limitations of base claim 1 and the intervening claims. Claim 28, similarly, is rewritten in independent form so as to include the limitations of base claim 21 and intervening claims 22-24. None of claims 7-16 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, in the last Office Action, and it is respectfully submitted that each of claims 7, 14, 16, and 28 is now allowable. The rest of the claims remaining in this application are dependent claims and are allowable as well.

This application is now in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any questions after considering this amendment, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney.

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